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SUBJECT: ALLEGATION OF USE OF NARCOTICS CONTROL FUNDS BY
LATIN GOVERNMENT FOR DOMESTIC REPRESSION

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1. NATURE OF EQUIPMENT PROVIDED TO BRAZILIAN LAW ENFORCEMENT
AGENCIES HAS LITTLE APPLICABILITY TO CAMPAIGNS OF DOMESTIC
REPRESSION. US HAS PROVIDED SO FAR CRIMINAL LABORATORY AND
VISUAL-AID EQUIPMENT, CAMERAS, NARCOTICS TEST KITS, BINOCULARS,
AND LIGHT COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT. WE HAVE PROVIDED NO
WEAPONS OR OTHER ITEMS WHICH SERVE COERCIVE PURPOSES. ALL
SUCH EQUIPMENT HAS BEEN PROVIDED TO THE FEDERAL POLICE,
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THOUGH IN SOME FEW CASES SOME ITEMS HAVE BEEN RELOANED TO
STATE POLICE NARCOTICS UNITS WITH WHICH FEDERAL POLICE HAVE
COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS. ALL TRAINING PROVIDED UNDER
INTERNATIONAL NARCOTICS CONTROL FUNDS HAS BEEN DIRECTLY
DRUG RELATED.

2. WHILE EQUIPMENT SUCH AS RADIOS PROVIDED FOR NARCOTIC

PURPOSES TO SMALL, UNSPECIALIZED POLICE UNITS MAY OCCASIONALLY BE USED FOR ORDINARY LAW ENFORCEMENT, WE HAVE NO EVIDENCE THAT ANY OF IT HAS BEEN USED IN ANY WAY BY TWO BRANCHES OF FEDERAL POLICE MOST DIRECTLY ASSOCIATED WITH WHAT COULD BE CALLED "DOMESTIC REPRESSION"--DIVISION OF POLITICAL AND SOCIAL OPERATIONS AND CENSORSHIP. WE HAVE CONSISTENTLY BEEN CONCERNED TO AVOID POSSIBILITY OF SUCH MISUSE. FOR THIS REASON IN JANUARY NARCOTICS COORDINATOR, IN CONVERSATION WITH DIRECTOR GENERAL OF FEDERAL POLICE, AGAIN MADE STRONG REMINDER THAT ALL EQUIPMENT PROVIDED WAS TO BE USED FOR NARCOTICS PURPOSES AND WARNED OF DIFFICULTIES FOR OUR COOPERATIVE EFFORT IF EQUIPMENT WERE USED IN ANY WAY IN CONNECTION WITH INTERNAL SECURITY OR CENSORSHIP OPERATIONS. DIRECTOR GENERAL GAVE HIS ASSURANCES AGAIN AT THAT TIME THAT HE UNDERSTOOD US POSITION AND THAT EQUIPMENT WOULD NOT BE DIVERTED. IN PASSING, HE MADE THE POINT THAT INTERNAL SECURITY ROLE OF FEDERAL POLICE IN ANY EVENT IS NOW SMALL SINCE MOST SUCH OPERATIONS NOW BEING CONDUCTED BY MILITARY OR BY SPECIAL STATE POLICE SECURITY UNITS.

3. WE ARE UNAWARE OF ANY INCIDENTS IN THE PAST IN BRAZIL WHICH MIGHT PROVIDE A BASIS FOR CHARGES THAT NARCOTICS CONTROL RESOURCES HAVE BEEN USED FOR DOMESTIC REPRESSION.
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